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ERADICATION OF CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of success achieved in National Child Labour Project (NCLP) and Indo-US Project (INDUS) during each of the last three years and thereafter indicating the number of child labourers rescued under the said projects during the said period, State-wise;

(b) the expenditure incurred on NCLP and INDUS separately during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the provisions made for prosecution of offenders under Child Labour Prohibition Acts;

(d) the details of industries/persons against whom action was taken for employment of child labour during the said period, State-wise;

(e) whether complaints have been received regarding re-employment of child labour rescued by Non- Government Organisations;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to check the recurrence of such incidents; and

(g) the reaction of the Government on the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Report released in June, 2007 to mark the World Anti-Child Labour Day?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Under the National Child Labour Project(NCLP) Scheme and the Indo-US (INDUS) Project, children engaged in hazardous jobs are withdrawn from work.They are provided with accelerated bridging education and other benefits like stipend, mid-day meal, vocational training, health check-ups, etc. in special schools for a maximum period of three years to enable them to join regular mainstream education system. The number of children enrolled in the special schools under the two projects and the children mainstreamed in the last three years is given in Annexure-I.

(b): State-wise details of the expenditure incurred on NCLP and INDUS separately during the said period are given in Annexure II.

(c): As per Section 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, any person who employs a child in any occupation or process where employment of children is banned under the Act, is liable for punishment with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 3 months but which may extend to one year or with fine ranging from Rs.10,000/- to Rs.20,000/-. The quantum of punishment for a repeat offence is imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than 6 months but which may extend to two years.

(d): Details of industries/persons against whom action has been taken for employment of child labour are not maintained. However, State-wise details of prosecutions and convictions for the said period are given in Annexure III.

(e): No such complaints have been received in the Ministry.

(f): Does not arise in view of (e) above.

(g): The INDUS-ILO Project released a book titled "Child Labour Facts and Figures: An Analysis of Census 2001" on 12 June 2007, World Day Against Child Labour. This book provides factual information on the data related to child labour for all the states, and Government is aware of these statistics.